

## **FACTSHEET**

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **PURPOSE (State Constitution, Article X, Section 3)**

The Board of Education was created to formulate policy and to exercise control over the public school system through its appointed executive officer, the superintendent of education. State law requires that the board maintain jurisdiction over the internal organization and management of the public school system and that the board exercises its jurisdiction in a manner consistent with general laws.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION (HRS §3-1)**

The State of Hawaii Board of Education consists of one (1) non-voting high school student member appointed by the Hawaii State Student Council and thirteen (13) members elected by the registered voters of two (2) at-large school board districts. The school board districts are:

**School Board District I**  
Island of Oahu  
(consisting of Representative Districts  
15 through 51)

**School Board District II**  
Islands of Hawaii, Maui, Lanai,  
Molokai, Kahoolawe, Kauai, and Niihau  
(consisting of Representative Districts  
1 through 14)

Ten (10) members are elected at-large from the First School Board District:

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| ! one (1) resident | 3rd Departmental School District (Honolulu)<br>Representative Districts 15 to 31, and 33               |
| ! one (1) resident | 4th Departmental School District (Central Oahu)<br>Representative Districts 37 to 40, and 45           |
| ! one (1) resident | 5th Departmental School District (Leeward Oahu)<br>Representative Districts 32, 34 to 36, and 41 to 44 |
| ! one (1) resident | 6th Departmental School District (Windward Oahu)<br>Representative Districts 46 to 51                  |
| ! six (6) at-large | No Departmental School District Residency<br>(Island of Oahu)  |

Three (3) members are elected at-large from the Second School Board District:

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| ! one (1) resident | 1st Departmental School District (County of Hawaii)<br>Representative Districts 1 to 6                |
| ! one (1) resident | 2nd Departmental School District (County of Maui)<br>Representative Districts 7 to 11, and part of 12 |
| ! one (1) resident | 7th Departmental School District (County of Kauai)<br>Representative Districts 13, 14, and part of 12 |

## QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS (HRS §13-2)

- ! Currently registered voter of School Board District
- ! Residency in Departmental School District for seats requiring residency
- ! Meet provisions (resign to run) of Article II, Section 7 of the Hawaii State Constitution
- ! Does not hold any other public office in state or county government

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS (HRS §13-3)

Members of the Board of Education are nominated in a nonpartisan Primary Election and elected in a nonpartisan General Election. Nomination papers must be obtained from and submitted to the Chief Election Officer in a prescribed manner. Contests are conducted in an at-large format, affording every registered voter of a school board district the opportunity to vote for each and every candidate seeking election from such school board district.

## TERM OF OFFICE (HRS §13-4)

The term of office of members of the Board of Education is four (4) years, beginning on the day of the General Election of the year in which they are elected and ending on the day of the second General Election after their election. Members may be re-elected without restriction as to the number of terms.

## CURRENT ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>SEAT</u>	<u>NEXT ELECTION</u>
<b>School Board District I</b>		
Denise Matsumoto . . . . .	3rd Dept. Dist. (Honolulu) . . . . .	2004
Michael S. Nakamura . . . . .	4th Dept. Dist. (Central Oahu) . . . . .	2002*
Marilyn Harris . . . . .	5th Dept. Dist. (Leeward Oahu) . . . . .	2004
Winston Y. Sakurai . . . . .	6th Dept. Dist. (Windward Oahu) . . . . .	2002
Shannon K. Ajifu . . . . .	No Dept. Residency Required . . . . .	2002
Lex Brodie . . . . .	No Dept. Residency Required . . . . .	2004
Carol Gabbard . . . . .	No Dept. Residency Required . . . . .	2004
Donna R. Ikeda . . . . .	No Dept. Residency Required . . . . .	2004
Karen Knudsen . . . . .	No Dept. Residency Required . . . . .	2002
Keith A. Sakata . . . . .	No Dept. Residency Required . . . . .	2002
<b>School Board District II</b>		
Herbert S. Watanabe . . . . .	1st Dept. Dist. (County of Hawaii) . . . . .	2004
Meyer M. Ueoka . . . . .	2nd Dept. Dist. (County of Maui) . . . . .	2002*
Sherwood Hara . . . . .	7th Dept. Dist. (County of Kauai) . . . . .	2004

\* 2 year term to fill vacancy position

This Fact Sheet is intended for informational purposes only and should not be used as an authority on the Hawaii election law and candidate deadlines. Requirements and/or deadlines may change pending changes in

legislation. Consult the Hawaii Revised Statutes and other sources for more detailed and accurate requirements.

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